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## Clatskanie sports coming back strong

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Clatskanie athletics are back for the fall season, and Athletic Director Ryan Tompkins gave the Chief an inside scoop on what he is excited about for the upcoming season.

The football, volleyball, and cheerleading programs have already started their seasons. Boys cross country has its first meet Sept. 23, and girls cross country will kick off Sept. 9. Girls soccer has teamed up with Rainier High School to compete in the 4A-1 Cowapa League.

"We have seen an increase in participation in all of our programs over the last several years and would like to continue that trend," Tompkins said. "We want as many opportunities for kids, and with higher participation, we are able to offer more JV/JV2 opportunities."

Coming into the fall season, Clatskanie High School is happy to boast continuity, with each of its fall coaches from last year staying on to lead the way this season. This fall will also mark the return of the cheerleading program at the school.

"We have our whole fall coaching staff returning for a second straight year and are excited to continue the work from last year," Tompkins said. "We have added back cheerleading, that will be coached by CMHS Special Education Teacher Kayleen Jones. We are excited to have them on the sidelines for our upcoming season(s)."

After a second consecutive summer of renovations at the high school, Tompkins is excited about the improvements that have been made and the opportunities the completed work will afford the athletics programs and the community.

"We have many nice improvements to the facilities, none more

needed than the freshly paved parking lot. We are excited to get the community into our sporting events and enjoy the benefits of the work that has been done," Tompkins said.

Tompkins said that the teams will be looking to build off last year, and across the different programs, that means different goals for each of the teams.

### Football

"Football made the state playoffs last year and would like to put themselves in the same opportunity by finishing in the top 3 in our league," Tompkins said.

Clatskanie Football had a tough game in their first showing of the season, losing to Willamina 40-7, but will look to rebound as they continue their non-league portion of the schedule against North Douglas / Yoncalla on Sept. 8.

### Volleyball

"Volleyball made it to the district playoffs last year and would like to have an opportunity to get to the state playoffs," Tompkins said.

In their first six games, the Tigers have gone 4-2 under Head Coach Amanda Baker. The team played well at their preseason non-league tournament, notching wins over Rainier, Delphian, and Sheridan. After a loss in their last non-league game to Warrenton, Clatskanie rebounded with a win in their first league game with a 3-0 win over Faith Bible / Life Christian.

### Cross Country

"Cross Country would love to get a top 20 finisher at Districts and have enough participation to have a full team," Tompkins said.

Both the boys and girls cross



Courtesy photo from Rob Hilson

Clatskanie Football back on the gridiron. country teams are coached by Zach Davis. The boys will be competing in the 2A/1A-SD1 Special District 1, which will see them compete with the likes of Knappa, Nestucca, and Vernonia. The girls team will battle it out with programs such as Nestucca, Knappa, Vernonia, and Rainier in the 3A/2A/1A-SD1 Special District 1.

### Girls Soccer

"Girls soccer ended their season last year with a win and has already started off the season 2-1. They look to continue developing this program under Coach Eric Smythe," Tompkins said Sept. 5.

Though they took a tough loss to Oregon Episcopal on Sept. 5, the team sits at 2-2 currently and will

look to finish their non-league portion of the schedule on a high note against Corbett Sept. 14.

### Getting involved

Clatskanie Athletics is going strong this fall, with good participation numbers and some promising early season results. Tompkins emphasized that these types of opportunities bring value to the student-athletes but wouldn't be possible without the community.

"We feel that extra curricular activities have a huge impact on the success and well-being of our students and appreciate everyone that comes together to help the children of our community experience the joy of sport," Tompkins said.

While the focus of fall sports is on the athletes competing on the field and between the lines, the events wouldn't be possible without the community's help, and Tompkins said that they are seeking volunteers to help keep the events running smoothly.

"Every sporting event requires a large volume of volunteers that are seen and unseen," Tompkins said. "A huge thanks to our Booster Club, Scoreboard operators, announcers, chain gang, flaggers, custodians, crowd supervision, ticket takers, field prep, and clean-up crews. We are always in need of volunteers! If you are interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ryan Tompkins at rtompkins@csd.k12.or.us."

## Find your zen at In Harmony Movement Studio

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For those looking to find a little inner peace or maybe just become a little more flexible, In Harmony Movement Studio has opened in Rainier at 102 E. B St.

"In Harmony is a newly-opened Movement Studio offering classes and workshops focused on fitness and well-being," said owner Nicole Jordan. "In Harmony promotes a body and mind-positive practice and seeks to foster an environment of unity, inclusion, and encouragement. All body types, shapes, and mobility levels are welcome, as we all deserve access to tools that improve well-being."

Jordan decided to take the leap when she felt there was an unmet need in Rainier for more physical wellness outlets, and after seeing that need reflected on social media.

"The inspiration for In Harmony is centered around an unmet need for health and wellness services in this area. I knew I needed it for myself, and that if I was feeling it, then others in the area were as well," Jordan said. "I saw requests for yoga on the Rainier Facebook group, and that only further confirmed the idea

of bringing something to this area."

The studio will offer a range of classes and workshops that focus on various disciplines of fitness and personal wellness.

### Current class and workshop schedule includes:

- Cardio Kickbox
- Strengthen & Condition
- Stretch & Breathe
- Gentle Yoga
- Vinyasa Flow Yoga I
- Women's Self-Defense

The initial schedule is limited, with more programming planned in the fall, according to Jordan. Current rates are drop-in \$10 with 5 (\$47.50) and 10 (\$90) class packs available.

"At the core, the goal is to create fun and interesting ways that inspire movement, and not just with your body for exercise, but also movement and investment of overall health, stress management, mind-heart-body connection, and so much more," said Jordan. "Class offerings will extend far beyond one type, such as yoga, and cross into a range of cardio, strengthening, flex-



Courtesy photo from Nicole Jordan

In Harmony shares the building with Bell Imaging located at 102 E. B St. in Rainier.

ibility and mobility, and specialty workshops (e.g. Self Defense; CPR basics), to name a few. We look forward to bringing these much-needed services to the community."

The idea for a movement studio was born out of the need of the community that went beyond just a yoga studio. Jordan said that

through conversations in the community, she realized that people in Rainier needed a range of options to improve their fitness and well-being.

"We have an aging population; people just looking to get in shape; people who suffer from trauma, PTSD, depression, and addictions;

people with low mobility and flexibility; and all-around life stress we all deal with," Jordan said. "Having a local place that's designed to help increase overall well-being felt critical."

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## \$39M in food benefits to 325,000 Oregon children

**STAFF REPORT**  
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The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is issuing approximately \$39 million in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) food benefits to approximately 325,000 students in Oregon.

"We are grateful to be able to provide these food benefits to eligible students in Oregon," ODHS Self-Sufficiency Programs Director Claire Seguin said. "As communities continue to be affected by COVID-19 and the rising cost of food, we know that many families are experiencing hardship and are struggling to get enough healthy food for themselves and their children. We encourage anyone who is struggling to meet their basic needs to contact our partners at 211, the Oregon Food Bank and their local Community Action Agency for support during this difficult time."

### How students will receive P-EBT food benefits

The P-EBT food benefits will be issued onto the P-EBT cards mailed

to students in Spring 2023. Families who lost or threw away their card can contact the P-EBT call center at (844) ORE-PEBT or (844) 673-7328 to request a new card.

Newly eligible students will receive two pieces of mail addressed to them:

- A letter notifying them they will receive P-EBT
- A separate envelope with their P-EBT card that has \$120 of food benefits on it

### Who is eligible for P-EBT food benefits

Students are eligible for this P-EBT issuance if they received free or reduced-price National School Lunch Program meals at school or attended a Community Eligibility Provision school in May 2023.

### More P-EBT food benefits to come for certain children

Oregon has received federal approval to provide additional P-EBT food benefits to children under



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SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1 million eligible, low-income families and individuals in Oregon, including many older adults and people with disabilities.

6-years-old who received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits between July 2022 and August 2023. Details about when and how these children will receive their P-EBT food benefits will be announced as soon as it is available.

Since 2020, Oregon has issued approximately \$1 billion in P-EBT food benefits to help children in Oregon get enough quality and nutritious food.

These additional food benefits

What is the P-EBT program?

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# An inside look at local wildfire investigations

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A brush fire at Pittsburgh Road near the Scappoose Vernonia Highway end sparked a response from Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District, Scappoose Rural Fire District, Oregon Department of Forestry, Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District, and Westport Fire and Rescue on Aug. 24.

Oregon Department of Forestry Wildland Fire Supervisor Kelly Niles said that when fire crews arrived on the scene, the fire had “spread a little bit” due to a steep uphill slope next to an old rock pit. “Rock pits are usually steep slopes on the sides, and so that’s exactly what we ran into. It wasn’t moving very fast, but still creeping uphill,” Niles said. “Final fire size was about an acre. It burnt through grass, brush, and it did torch out a couple of individual trees that we had a person on a chainsaw take those down for us to remove the hazard.”

Once the fire’s forward progress was stopped, mop-up procedures were undertaken until Aug. 25.

While the exact cause of the fire is unknown, Niles did say that it was human-caused, as there was no indication that lightning or natural causes sparked the fire.

“There was no lighting in the area, there’s no power lines in the area, there’s nothing natural that was going to start this fire,” Niles said. “It wasn’t anything natural like spontaneous combustion or anything like that.”

## Hearing from the investigator

Kevin Nelson is heading the investigation on the fire, and he gave insight into what the process of investigating a fire looks like for him. The first step is initiating what Nelson called an “origin and determination investigation.”

“The steps in that is first finding the origin of the fire, which is a whole science and magic unto itself. I follow burn indicators on the ground, witness statements, things like that to trace the fire back to its origin point,” Nelson said.

Once Nelson determines what’s called the “specific origin area” within the “general



Image of the scene where the fire broke out at Pittsburgh Road. Courtesy photo from Kevin Nelson

origin area,” Nelson gathers evidence to try and figure out what caused the fire from that ignition point. Once the specific origin area is determined, Nelson isolates that suspected area so firefighting efforts do not interfere with, or destroy possible evidence. Once Nelson finishes his physical investigation, he releases the area to be worked with water and tools.

Based on physical evidence, interview statements, and other determinations Nelson has deduced, he tries to find the person responsible. Determining a human-caused

fire comes down to going through a “checklist” of natural causes like lightning or non-human causes like powerlines.

“As you work your way down through natural or causes other than human, eventually you get to the point where we know that it was specifically caused by human activity,” Nelson said. “Then you, through your investigation process, attempt to determine the responsible party, and we go from there.”

Nelson could not provide specifics on the investigation because it is an ongoing

investigation. The timeline by which investigations are concluded varies depending on the body of evidence.

Nelson initially begins with the evidence that he has gathered and investigates each lead as far as it will take him until he reaches a “dead end.”

“So if I reach a dead end with interviews, witness statements, then I move towards the physical evidence and track that down. Whether that’s things left at the scene, garbage, receipts, specific products, things like that,” Nelson said. “Sometimes we’re able to track down receipts, we’re able to track down license plate numbers, things like that. The investigation goes as far as I can take it.”

## Possible sanctions

The penalty for causing a fire depends on the fire’s impact. Injuries, the amount of fire spread, and how much monetary damage was caused are all factors.

“We do have a section in our department called ‘Cost Recovery,’ the Cost Recovery

folks in Salem are the ones that if we do determine a responsible party, then they pursue that,” Nelson said.

Citations can vary from “uniform citations,” which are akin to tickets that a police officer would give for violations of fire season restrictions, or as serious as a criminal proceeding, which could result in a trial, according to Nelson.

Safety should remain at the forefront of the minds of those who are recreating in the beautiful Oregon forests. Niles cautioned people to be responsible when they are out in nature.

“If people are going to go out in the woods, I understand that, they’re going to go out to recreate. I just ask people to, whatever activity they’re doing, please be careful,” Niles said. We are in very dry conditions. We just had lightning in the area; we’ve already had a couple of lightning fires that have been taken care of in Columbia County. We’ve got a lot of things going on; the better we can do as people to cause less issues, the safer we can be, the less problems we’re going to have.”

## SNAP

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are part of the P-EBT program, a temporary COVID-19 response program meant to provide additional food support for children whose access to adequate and quality food received through school programs may have been impacted by COVID-19.

Visit [pebt.oregon.gov](https://pebt.oregon.gov) for more information about the P-EBT program.

Families with specific

questions about their child’s eligibility or P-EBT card can contact the P-EBT Call Center at (844) ORE-PEBT or (844) 673-7328. The P-EBT Call Center is available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific in seven language options (English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Somali, Mandarin and Cantonese). Callers may also request a translator for additional languages.

P-EBT does not replace any child nutrition program already offered and families are encouraged to continue to

participate in meal programs in their schools and communities.

P-EBT food benefits are issued in addition to regular SNAP benefits. P-EBT benefits are not considered in a public charge test.

## Resources to help meet basic needs

- Find food resources in your community: [needfood.oregon.gov](https://needfood.oregon.gov)
- Find a food pantry: [foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org](https://foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org)
- Learn about government programs and community

resources for older adults and people with disabilities: Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon at 1-855-673-2372 or [www.adrcforegon.org](https://www.adrcforegon.org).

- Dial 2-1-1, or text your zip code to 898-211, [www.211info.org](https://www.211info.org)
- Find local resources and support by contacting your local Community Action Agency: [www.caporegon.org/find-services/](https://www.caporegon.org/find-services/)

## About SNAP

Administered by ODHS,

SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1 million eligible, low-income families and individuals in Oregon, including many older adults and people with disabilities. Oregonians in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP, child care, cash assistance and Medicaid.

Learn more at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits>. For local resources in your area, such as food or shelter, please call 2-1-1 or reach out to the state’s Aging and Disability Resource Con-

nection (ADRC) at 1-855-ORE-ADRC or 1-855-673-2372.

## About P-EBT

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. P-EBT is money for children whose access to adequate and quality food may have been impacted by COVID-19.

P-EBT is a program in partnership with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).



## “FIREFLIES IN THE NIGHT: THE GREAT WIGWAM BURNER”

A documentary by Jay Critchley, highlighting wigwam burners and the logging industry.

Chief Advertorial

Saturday, 1:00 and 2:30 P.M., September 16, at 106 W. B St., inside Rainier City Hall. Presented by the Rainier Oregon Historical Museum

Jay Critchley now lives in Provincetown, MA. Jay lived in the Creswell and Cottage Grove area in the early 1970s working as a VISTA Volunteer (Volunteers in Service to America), when he became fascinated by the elegant wigwam burner structures that dotted the landscape

with their glowing nighttime embers. He has returned several times since, including at an artist residency at Milepost 5 in Portland, where he shot the documentary, Fireflies in the Night: The Great American Wigwam Burner. He hopes to preserve and repurpose these historic grand structures. He is a multidisciplinary artist and writer.

## Rainier Oregon Historical Museum Annual Logging Event

- Logging exhibit upstairs on the 3rd floor of City Hall.
- Kids’ games, upstairs in the hallway by the museum and library: A wigwam burner coloring contest, games and a logging grappler will challenge their skills and minds.
- The logging exhibit will include logging tools and pictures showing Rainier’s great logging history and a diorama of the logging incline.
- The museum will be open on the 3rd FL from noon until 4:00 P. M.
- “Fireflies in the Night: The Great Wigwam Burner” shown downstairs in the city hall chamber room at 1:00. The second showing is at 2:30.



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Global Partners fill freezer for Clatskanie seniors

SUBMITTED BY GLOBAL PARTNERS Chief Guest Article

A freezer full of prize-winning pork will be featured on the menus of the Clatskanie Senior Citizens' Castle Cafe this fall and winter thanks to a donation from Global Partners' renewable diesel terminal at Port Westward near Clatskanie.

Dylan Robinson, manager of corporate citizenship for Global, accompanied by former State Senator Betsy Johnson, joined local seniors and their guests for lunch last week.

Global purchased the 4-H swine project of Jacob Eason at the Columbia County Fair Livestock Auction July 22, and had the meat, cut, wrapped, and delivered to the Castle.

The Castle Cafe, located on the ground floor of the historic Flippin Castle at 620 SW Tichenor Street in Clatskanie, serves lunch at 12 noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, except for holidays.

All local seniors and their guests of any age are welcome to attend. Suggested donation for lunch for seniors aged 60 and over is \$6; \$8 for those under 60. Those planning to attend are asked to call 503-728-3608 and leave a message to make reservations.

In addition to the congregate meals served at the Castle Cafe, volunteers deliver lunch prepared in the senior center's kitchen three times weekly to approximately 20 home-bound seniors and disabled persons.



Courtesy photo from Jolene Day. Pictured back row from left are: Dylan Robinson, of Global Partners; Don Salmon, George Godfrey, Roy and Marge Tuomi, Debbie Hazen, and former State Senator Betsy Johnson; middle row from left: Jeanne Kangas, Ernie Carman, Del Dyer, and Lavern Knutt. Front row, Parker and Sophia, who enjoyed lunch at the Castle with their grandfather John Jones.

Rainier man dies in two-car collision

SUBMITTED BY OSP

On Tuesday, September 5, at approximately 1:10 P.M., the Oregon State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hwy-30, near milepost 36, in Columbia County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a Ford E-250, operated by Beverly Ann Seymore (45) of Rainier, was traveling eastbound when it crossed the center line and struck a Nissan Frontier, operated by Michael Robert Pohl (59) of Rainier, head-on.

The operator of the Ford (Seymore) was airlifted to a local hospital for treatment.

The operator of the



Courtesy photo from OSP

Nissan (Pohl) was declared deceased at the scene.

The highway was impacted for approximately

3.5 hours during the on-scene investigation. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

OSP was assisted by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Columbia Fire and Rescue, and ODOT.

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Oregon's medically necessary Medicaid benefit

STAFF REPORT Country Media, Inc.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is moving to leverage Medicaid benefits to prevent homelessness, support behavioral health services, mitigate the impacts of climate change, pending federal approval.

The OHA, in collaboration with Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS), has announced proposed timelines to begin offering new Medicaid benefits that eligible Oregon Health Plan (OHP/Medicaid) members would receive under Oregon's ground-breaking 1115 Medicaid waiver agreement with the federal government.

If the federal government agrees to the proposal, eligible OHP members would start receiving benefits for climate-related supports in January 2024, housing insecurity in November 2024, and food insecurity in January 2025.

Oregon would be the first state in the nation to gain federal approval to offer six months of temporary rent assistance as a medically necessary Medicaid benefit. These benefits would first roll-out to people who are at risk of losing their current housing, beginning on Nov. 1, 2024, if the federal government approves the plan.

In lockstep with Governor Tina Kotek's priority to reduce homelessness, state health officials have determined that the most immediate and effective way to implement Oregon's new short-term Medicaid housing benefit is to help people who are medically and economically vulnerable avoid becoming homeless in the first place, according to a release from the OHA.

The rate of Oregonians losing housing is increasing faster than state and local programs can rehouse them, due to a critical statewide shortage in affordable housing, state housing experts said.

Oregon is moving to leverage Medicaid benefits to prevent homelessness, support behavioral health services, mitigate the impacts of climate change, pending federal approval.



Courtesy photo

Oregon is moving to leverage Medicaid benefits to prevent homelessness, support behavioral health services, mitigate the impacts of climate change, pending federal approval.

The short-term Medicaid rent assistance benefit will help prevent people from losing housing due to a health issue that disrupts their ability to stay current on their housing payments, or because they need to be connected to mental health or substance use services to maintain stable housing. The OHA said this preventive approach should help slow the rate of growth in the homeless population.

State officials estimate approximately 125,000 OHP members currently meet the federal housing definition of "at risk for homelessness" and could be eligible for the short-term housing benefit if they have health and housing needs that would require up to six months of rent assistance or other housing supports. While assuring that these benefits help keep people housed, OHA will continue to have a strong focus on assisting OHP members that have a significant mental health or substance use disorder that exacerbates their housing insecurity. "As a first step, we want to use these new and innovative Medicaid housing benefits to make sure that someone with a health problem stays in stable housing," OHA's interim Director Dave Baden said. "We can't let more people wind up on the streets, where their health issues will worsen and get harder to treat, making sustainable, long-term housing harder to find, especially given the lack of affordable housing across the state."

Medically necessary temporary rent assistance and other housing supports would become available to other OHP members, including people who are already homeless, later in the state's five-year waiver implementation. That date has not been specified as state health and housing officials continue to work with federal partners to address barriers to housing access and other questions. Input from housing providers, coordinated care organizations (CCOs) and other community voices informed the state's strategy to focus on preventing homelessness in this first phase.

"Today's actions build upon a longstanding commitment to addressing the social determinants of health in action," OHCS Director Andrea said. "This historic rent assistance provision is a tangible pathway to deliver rent assistance as a health intervention. Housing and health barriers are connected. The solutions should be reflective of that reality."

State officials also announced that climate-related supports for some OHP members will become available starting Jan. 1, 2024, if federal officials approve the proposed timelines. Under

this benefit, eligible OHP members could qualify to receive air conditioners to help reduce health risks during extreme heat emergencies (if medically necessary) or air filters to protect from the respiratory effects of wildfire smoke.

Nutrition benefits, such as medically tailored meals, would become available starting Jan. 1, 2025.

Oregon's five-year 1115 Medicaid waiver provides OHP coverage and more than \$1 billion in federal funding to address the health-related social needs (HRSN) of people whose health is affected by the most pressing problems affecting Oregon communities, including homelessness, climate change and poverty. Under the state's agreement with CMS, Oregon is required to begin making health-related social needs benefits available no later than Jan. 1, 2025.

1115 Medicaid waivers allow states flexibility to test new ways to deliver and pay for Medicaid benefits. A state must receive CMS approval to implement a waiver.

Medicaid provides health coverage to income-eligible people. Currently, more than 1.4 million Oregonians — or 1 in 3 state residents — are covered by OHP. Most people who qualify for Medicaid in Oregon are covered by OHP. Approximately nine in 10 OHP members have their care coordinated through one of 16 CCOs which operate in defined regions across the state.

Follow this developing story at thechiefnews.com and in the Friday print editions of The Chief.

Fast Fact Rent assistance benefits will focus on preventing homelessness for individuals who are medically and economically vulnerable; timeline pending federal approval.

OBITUARIES

Dennis James Daniels April 16, 1946 ~ Aug. 25, 2023

Services will be held at noon on Sept. 9, 2023 at the home of Dennis and Arlene. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a donation to "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort": https://www.disaster-relieffort.org/.



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NEWS AND VIEWS

Summer winding down?

CHIP BUBL
Clatskanie Grows
Chief Guest Column

As this is being written, it is raining. I am a life-long western Oregonian and rain is a blessing. The current showers aren't likely to solve our persistent dry soil issues but plant stress, for the moment, has been reduced. Vegetables and other plants that you have been watering will continue to need the water unless this actually is the start of our persistent fall rainy weather. If so, our tomatoes will soon be a distant memory due to late blight. Hopefully, this is a reminder to spray your tomato plants with copper before a longer rainy cycle really sets in.



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canes because they will fruit a second time next July and then die. That is when those now dead canes are removed.



This is also a good time to plant cover crops on beds or parts of gardens that you won't be planting until next spring. Cover crops help soils be capturing nitrogen so it doesn't leak away in the winter. Their roots improve soil texture and when turned back into the soil next spring, add the nutrients and organic matter to the soil. My favorite legume cover crop is crimson clover (which is an annual) not red or other clovers which are perennials. Seed at the rate of 3-5 pounds per 1,000 square feet. It gets tougher as the beautiful flowers form, so it is generally a good plan to cut and work it in before bloom or shortly after it starts.

Another legume crop is Austrian winter peas. They can be fairly large if they stay unincorporated until late spring. But they also fix nitrogen, capture other elements, and make lots of organic matter when turned in. Seed at 5-10 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Hairy vetch is also worth a try at 5-7 pounds per 1,000.



Both crimson clover, hairy vetch, and Austrian winter peas can be weed whacked and let to decompose a little before working them in next spring. The closest source for cover crop seed is Linnton Feed and Seed on Highway 30 just before you get to the St. John's bridge in Portland.

The September Country Living newsletter I write is out. Download it for free following the instructions and link below.

Gardening events

Sept. 9 Friends of Nob Hill Cleanup from 1-3 p.m.

Scappoose Bay Water-

shed Council and Friends of Nob Hill Nature Park are inviting citizens to help remove invasive ivy and blackberry bushes along the Fifth Street Right of Way Trail. Don't forget to bring tools, gloves, water and rain gear if it is a rainy day. Meet at 1 p.m. at the kiosk located across from the water treatment plant, 451 Plymouth Street in St. Helens. This is a great group and have made great strides in removing the invasive plants so native plants (and the animals, birds, and insects that love them) can thrive.

Pre-registration is requested by Friday, Sept. 8, by calling Scappoose Bay Watershed Council at 503-397-7904 or emailing info@scappoosebay-wc.org. For the day of the event, call 503-349-8586.

Important notes

- Donate extra garden produce and/or money to the food bank, senior centers, or community meals programs. It always is greatly appreciated.
• The OSU Extension Office is fully open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
• The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

Have questions?

If you have questions on any of these topics or other home garden and/or farm questions, please contact Chip Bubl, Oregon State University Extension office in St. Helens at 503-397-3462 or at chip.bubl@oregonstate.edu. The office is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

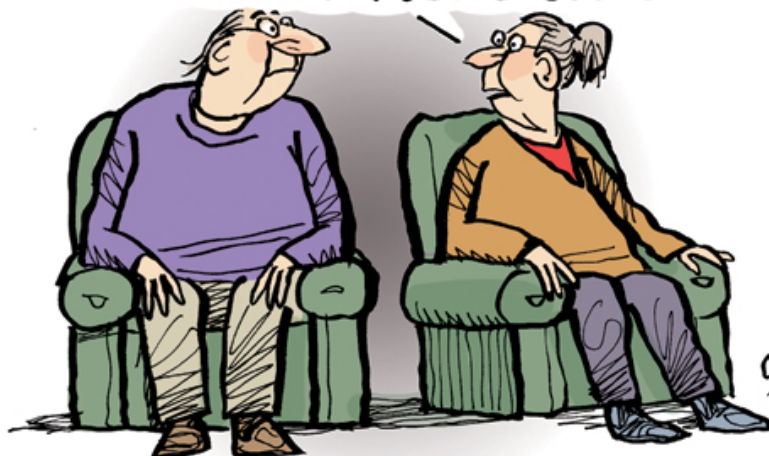
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The Oregon State University Extension office in Columbia County publishes a monthly newsletter on gardening and farming topics (called County Living) written/edited by yours truly. All you need to do is ask for it and it will be mailed or emailed to you. Call 503-397-3462 to be put on the list. Alternatively, you can find it on the web at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/ and click on newsletters.

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September 11 9/11 Remembrance 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Home-town Heroes of Columbia County is hosting "Reading of the Names" of those who perished on 9/11/2001. Event is free and will be held in front of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office at 901 Port Ave. in St. Helens. Contact Hometown-HeroesCoCo@gmail.com or Vivian Rupe at 503-929-1523 for questions.

September 16 "Fireflies in the Night: The Great Wigwam Burner" 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at 106 W B St., inside Rainier City Hall. Presented by the Rainier Oregon Historical Museum. This is a documentary by Jay Critchley. There is a logging exhibit upstairs on the 3rd floor of City Hall with kids' games, a wigwam burner coloring contest, and a logging grappler.

September 16 Poetry Reading and Broadside Launch with Poet Laureate Emeritus Paulann Petersen 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. An open house at the C.C. Stern Type Foundry in Clatskanie will be held prior to the reading. This event is free and registration is required. To register, visit metatype.org. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the

Clatskanie Cultural Center. This event is put on by C.C. Stern Foundry, a non-profit arts organization, focused on preserving the heritage of the metal type casting industry. This event is free. Please register at www.metatype.org/events/poetry-reading-and-broadside-launch-with-paulann-petersen.

Sept. 22-24 Wings Over Willapa Festival The Friends of Willapa National Wildlife Refuge and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 5th annual Wings Over Willapa. This multi-day bird and art festival will be held at 7112 67th Place in Long Beach. For more details, call 360-642-3860.

October 14 & 15 Arts & Crafts Sale Noon - 4 p.m. This event will be held upstairs at the Birkenfeld Theatre at 75 S. Nehalem Street in Clatskanie. Locally produced, handmade arts and crafts. Stop by for holiday gifts and to support local artists. For questions please contact Roni at roni@quackedglass.com.

Ongoing

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by appointment, includes Clatskanie Historical Society museum. Call Debbie at 503-338-8268.

Lower Columbia River Watershed Council Lower Columbia Watershed Council meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Clatskanie PUD building. Zoom links are also available. Visit the council's website for agenda postings and Zoom at www.lowercolumbiariver.org/events-page.

The Rainier Oregon Historical Museum (ROHM) is open from noon - 4 p.m. Saturday (except major holidays weekends). ROHM is located inside Rainier City Hall at 106 W B Street. For more information, call 360-751-7039.

The Rainier Public Library is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays and 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays. It will be closed Sundays and Mondays.

Avamere at St. Helens hosts a Virtual Dementia Support Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more details, contact Jenny Hicks/Avamere at St. Helens at 503-366-8070.

To list an event in the Community Calendar, email details with a phone number that may be published, to chronicleclassifieds@countrymedia.net, or call 503-397-0116.

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Last Week's Results

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The city of Rainier City Council will hold a public hearing on October 2, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 106 W B Street, to consider adding a new chapter to Title 17, Subdivisions, of the Rainier Municipal Code establishing a planned unit development method as an alternative to conventional subdivisions. The proposed amendment will be reviewed as re-

quired against the applicable provisions of the Rainier Comprehensive Plan and applicable statewide planning goals and/or administrative rules as adopted by the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Draft Ordinance 1093 effecting the proposed amendment and other supporting materials are available at City Hall for review; copies can be made for a nominal fee;

contact Sarah Blodgett at 503.556.7301 during regular business hours. All interested persons are invited to submit written comments and/or attend the hearing and present testimony. Only those who make an appearance of record shall be entitled to appeal. The staff report to the planning commission will be available for review by the close of business September 25, 2023.

## NOTICE OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

CC23-1844  
The Board of Directors for Clatskanie School District 6J will hold their monthly Board meeting, Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Clatskanie Elementary

Library, 815 Nehalem or via Zoom. In addition there will be a board work session at 5:30 p.m., this is an in-person only meeting. Please see our website at www.csd.k12.or.us for a zoom link.

The agenda includes but is not limited to: Superintendent and Principal's reports, financial report, policy updates and the consent agenda. The public is encouraged to attend.

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additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published August 25, 2023. Deanna Marie Cunningham, Personal Representative. STEPHEN D. PETERSEN, L.L.C. Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 459, Rainier, OR 97048.

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

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## "REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: PORT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY MOWING SERVICES"

CC23-1840  
The Port of Columbia County is seeking proposals for Mowing and Yard Services at various Port facilities. Interested contractors may obtain the RFP

documents from the Port's website, www.portofcolumbiacounty.org; from the Port Office located at 100 E. Street, Columbia City, from 8:00 to 5:00pm; or via e-mail

at house@portofcolumbiacounty.org. Submissions must be received by 5:00 on Friday, September 22, 2023. For questions, please call 503-928-3259.

# SOLVE's Annual Beach & Riverside Cleanup



Courtesy photo from SOLVE

SOLVE is hosting over 60 project sites statewide between Sept. 9 through Sept. 17 - with the main events culminating on Saturday, Sept. 16.

## STAFF REPORT

Country Media, Inc.

Get ready to participate in a time-honored tradition as SOLVE presents the Annual Beach & Riverside Cleanup.

"This eagerly anticipated event brings families and communities together to engage in beach cleanups, river cleanups, habitat restoration projects, and neighborhood litter pickup events throughout Oregon," according to a release from SOLVE.

SOLVE is hosting over 60 project sites statewide between Sept. 9 through Sept. 17 - with the main events culminating on Saturday, Sept. 16. This extensive reach encompasses locations from the Coast to Portland, as well as the Willamette Valley, Central and Eastern Oregon. Volunteer registration is now live.

Visit [www.solveoregon.org](http://www.solveoregon.org) to learn more about the available projects and to register for this impactful event.

## History

From its inception in 1986, the Beach & Riverside Cleanup has evolved into a cherished annual event for countless Oregonian families.

"It stands as a testament to our shared dedication to environmental stewardship, offering a safe and efficient way to make a lasting impact," SOLVE's Chief Executive Officer Kris Carico said. "Our journey through the years has fostered a deep connection to Oregon's waterways, from their origin to the sea. We encourage all fellow Oregonians to sign up for this statewide cleanup event."

Since its start, the Beach

& Riverside Cleanup has accounted for the removal of more than 2.5 million pounds of litter and marine debris. To put this in perspective, that's equivalent to the weight of six Boeing 747 airplanes.

"Last year's impressive effort involved almost 3,000 volunteers across 147 sites in Oregon, resulting in the collection and removal of approximately 50,000 pounds of discarded trash," the release states.

Sept. 16 is also International Coastal Cleanup Day and SOLVE is proudly joining forces with the Ocean Conservancy Group, contributing to a global endeavor aimed at preserving our coastlines.

SOLVE's Beach & Riverside Cleanup is in partnership with Subaru of Portland, with additional support from OnPoint Community Credit Union, Bamboo Su-

shi, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Metro, BottleDrop, Knife River, KOIN, Fred Meyer, Chevron, Clean Water Services, Tillamook County Creamery Association, and Tektronix.

## About SOLVE

SOLVE is a statewide non-profit organization that brings Oregonians together to improve our environment and build a legacy of stewardship. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots group to a national model of volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains tens of thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas, and build a legacy of stewardship for our state.

Visit [solveoregon.org](http://solveoregon.org) for more information.

## 3rd Annual 9/11 Remembrance

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Hometown Heroes of Columbia County will host its 3rd Annual 9/11 Remembrance event to remember those lives that were lost in the terrible events that happened on September 11, 2001. The event will be held on Monday, September 11, at 8:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office located at 901 Port Avenue, St. Helens, Oregon.

We will begin reading the 3,042 names at 8:46 a.m., which is the time that Flight 11 crashed into the World Trade Center's north tower. Of the 2,977 names, 2,753 lives are attributed to the World Trade Center incident, 343 of whom were firefighters. There were 184 lives lost in the incident at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and then 40 people died in the plane crash outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

We invite anyone from the community to attend and, if you would like, assist

in reading the names. There will be roses and ribbons available for members of the public to take as a symbol of remembrance. The remembrance display will remain in place until 7:00 p.m. for all to see.

Hometown Heroes of Columbia County is a non-profit group operating under the umbrella of the Columbia County Sheriff's Volunteers, Incorporated. Their mission is to support our active military men and women by sending them love overseas, one care package at a time.



Courtesy photo from Malinda Duran

A photo from the 9/11 Remembrance event in 2021.

## STUDIO

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### Laying roots

Jordan spent much of her career in California but has spent a lot of time in Oregon as well. Jordan attended the University of Oregon in the '90s, and has a lot of family in Oregon. Over the years, Jordan traveled here often and suspected Oregon would be where she would ultimately settle.

"When looking for where to lay down roots, my husband and I fell in love with Columbia County, and especially Rainier. We think it's a very special place to

be," Jordan said.

Jordan moved from Multnomah County to Columbia County just a few years ago after falling in love with the area.

While Jordan is just opening her business in Rainier, she is also already supporting the local community. Jordan met people who work with United Way at a Rainier Chamber of Commerce meeting, where United Way had issued a cash donation request to help secure school supplies for children in the area.

"It was immediately something we wanted to support so we confirmed our interest and offered to double the donation," Jordan said. "We were able to help about

100 kids with basic supplies for back-to-school readiness needs. Community support and engagement are a big focus for us at In Harmony, and it was our honor to be able to contribute in what feels a small way, given how great the needs are."

### Building with purpose

Jordan is committed to offering the community programs and workshops that are tailored to the needs of the Rainier area, and though she wants to build slowly, there is no shortage of ideas that In Harmony hopes to roll out.

"The whiteboard of ideas is very full, but we're committed to building slowly,



Courtesy photo from Nicole Jordan

The movement studio will offer a wide array of classes to meet various needs in the community.

steadily, and purposefully to make sure what we're offering matches the needs of our community and sur-

rounding area," Jordan said. "We expect to start adding more classes over the next few months and are looking

to meet additional fitness instructors and personal trainers who are interested in new local opportunities."

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THEME: NURSERY RHYMES

### ACROSS

- Ground grain
- \*Black sheep answer: "Yes \_\_\_\_, three bags full."
- Estimator's phrase (2 words)
- Washer cycle
- Australian bird
- Plants and animals
- Chipped in
- Dashboard acronym
- Not over
- \*Rhymes with Porgie
- \*Container in nursery rhyme and Ella Fitzgerald's song
- Ray shooter
- Gloomy
- Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane
- The Wise Men
- Type of mold
- Civil Rights icon
- Front of ship
- Marilyn's real name
- Distinctive elegance
- Meal in a shell, pl.
- Plant anchor
- Strong and sharp
- \*"Three Little Kittens" cry
- Shower with affection
- Bungle (2 words)
- Snow ride

- P in mpg
- Debilitating spray
- \*"How I wonder what you \_\_\_\_"
- \*Bed on the tree top
- \* \_\_\_\_, John, or Frère Jacques
- Formerly known as Pleasant Island
- Commotion or fuss
- One of journalism's Ws
- Vinyl collectible
- \*"Tom, Tom, the Piper's \_\_\_\_"
- Israel's neighbor
- Big Bang's original matter
- Deviled one
- One deserving of respect?

- Proofreader's mark
- Sail alternative
- Boot that reaches halfway or more to knee
- Unsuitable
- Pitcher's pride
- Bishop's jurisdiction
- \*Life is but this
- Marcello Mastroianni's "La \_\_\_\_ Vita"
- Some Romanovs
- SI unit of mass
- \*"Here goes my \_\_\_\_ a trot, a trot..."
- Sag
- Portray emotion
- \*Jack and Jill's quest
- Black tropical cuckoos
- \*Sheep's bagfull
- Curse
- Lollipop brand
- Bud or chum
- Snooze
- \_\_\_\_ and desist
- C2H5
- Pay a visit
- Bumpkin
- Famous boxing promoter Bob
- Smoker's water pipe
- Group of cows
- Great Lake
- Back seat, e.g.
- Negative vote
- \*Mother Hubbard's pet

### DOWN

- Hand grenade
- Pick-up expression
- On top of
- Website visitors
- Wrigley's Big \_\_\_\_
- Bone-dry
- Elf on the Shelf, e.g.
- Cuban dance
- \*Old MacDonald's farm sound
- Traveled on

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